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1845-1850

723-731 S. Charles St./727-729 Rickett's Ct. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs located along the east side of the 700 block of S. Charles St. was built in the late 1840's by several different local builders. The houses served as combination storefront/residences. 727-729 Rickett's Ct. is located in a courtyard to the east of 731 S. Charles St., with access provided by a narrow alleyway running along the south end wall of 731 S. Charles St. The Rickett's Ct. houses are two stories in height, two bays wide, and with gable roofs. The houses were originally two rooms deep but the entire rear end section of each house is now gone. These small alley houses are the only surviving examples of the many such houses that were built in rear courtyards and alleys running north from Montgomery St. in this block and in the blocks to the north along Hughes St. The two Rickett's Ct. houses have recently been sold by the city to private owners and hopefully will soon be renovated.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

731 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two story plus attic brick house with gable roof was built in the early 1850's as part of the development of this side of Charles St. The first floor area of the house has been converted into a store-front.

The house is two and a half stories in height, about 15' wide, and occupies a lot 80' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a two story high, three bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple two-tier brick cornice. There is a single hooded chimney located along the south side of the front roof gable.

The second floor window openings have splayed brick lintels; the attic story window openings have no lintels. All of the sills are wood. The window openings are currently empty. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front but the entire store-front area has been plastered over. All that remains to be seen is the cornice which is made of stamped sheet metal and consists of a crown molding set above a row of dentils and a plain frieze area. A flat alleyway runs back under the northernmost bay of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849-1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Hassan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commerical structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. When new, this house sold for \$1150.¹ An early occupant operated a shoemakers shop at this location, one Adam Lubke.² Before the current structure was built Andrew Hunt, a blacksmith and wheelwright, had his forge and shop on these premises.³

Although the house is in extreme disrepair, it is soon to be sold by the City to a private owner who will hopefully renovate it.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ed 128, Folio 142

²Baltimore City Directory, 1858-59

³Ibid., 1842, 1847

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

6/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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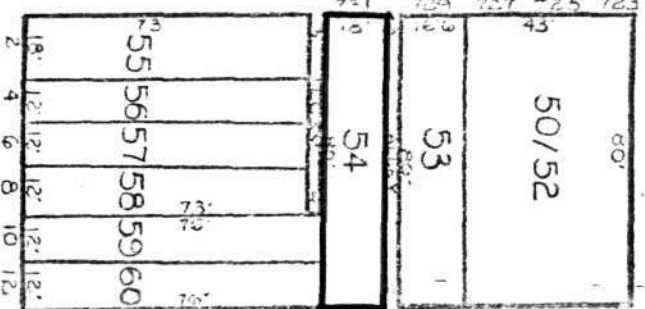
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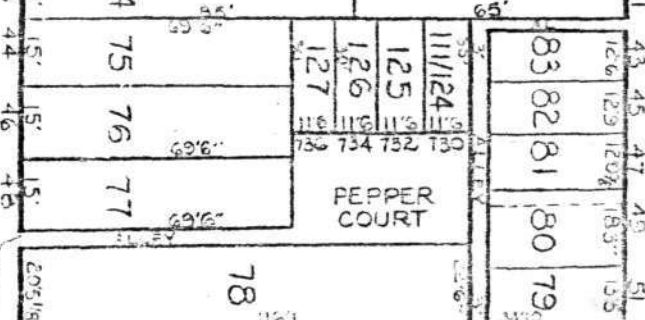
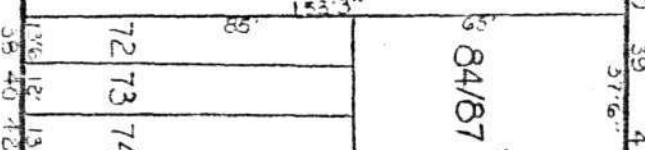
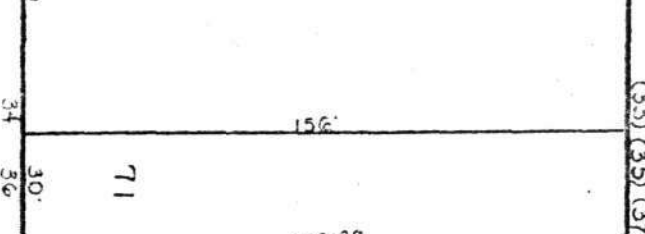
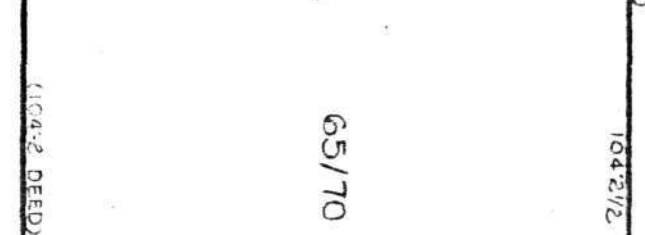
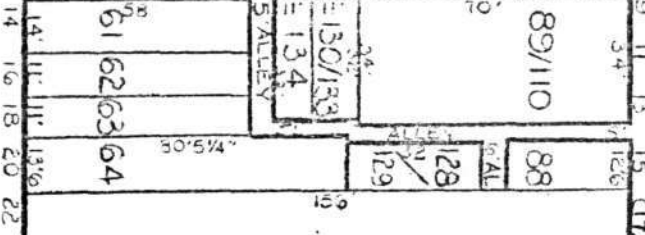
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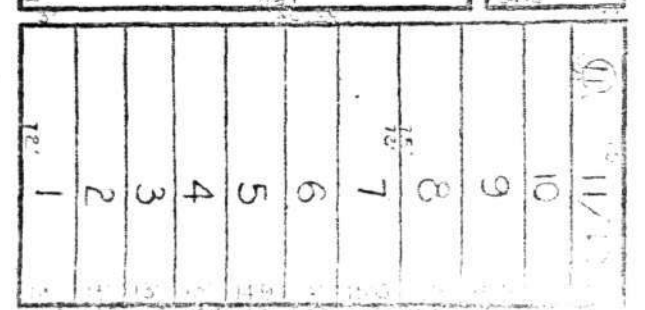
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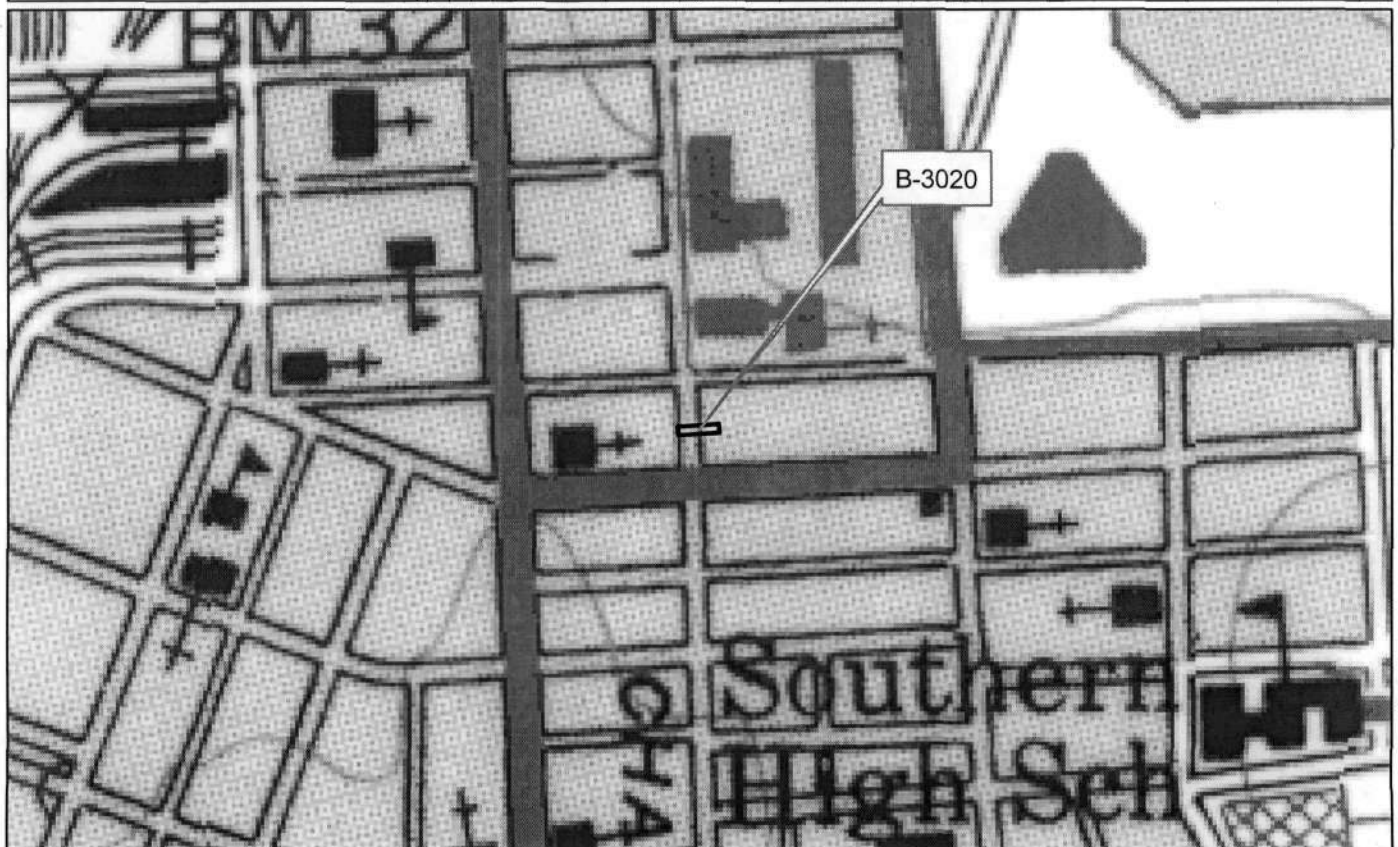
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ST.

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Block N/A Lots N/A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation